

**ACT ONE**  
**SCENE 2**

*BUDDY and the other elves are at Santa's Workshop, an assembly line on which the elves make all of Santa's toys.*

**#1a - Let's Make Toys!**

*The hands of a large clock move to indicate the passage of time - it's soon later in the day.*

*BUDDY is making Etch-A-Sketches clumsily. Pieces fly from his table. CHARLIE walks along the line.*

**CHARLIE**

How you doing, Buddy?

**BUDDY**

Um, fine Charlie, but...I guess I'm gonna be a little short on today's quota.

**CHARLIE**

That's all right, Buddy. Just tell me, how many Etch-A-Sketches did you get finished?

*(BUDDY embarrassed, fights back tears)*

C'mon, Buddy, how many?

**BUDDY**

I made, uh, eighty-five!

*MUSIC out as all ELVES gasp and stare at BUDDY*

**CHARLIE**

*(snaps open his work schedule scroll)*

Eighty-five? It's ten a.m. and you've only made eighty-five?

**BUDDY**

Why don't you just say it? I'm the worst toy maker in the whole wide world. I'm a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins.

**CHARLIE**

You're not a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins. You have lots of talents, uh, special talents in fact, like, uh...

*(to the OTHERS)*

...special talents?

**BOY ELF**

You're the best Basketball player in the whole North Pole!

**ELF #1**

Even better than Santa!

**ELF #2**

And you're the only baritone in the Jinglesingers! You bring us down a whole octave.

**ELF #3**

In a good way!

**CHARLIE**

See, Buddy? You're not a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins. You're just...special.

**THE ELVES**

Yes, special!

**CHARLIE**

Hey, these elves are getting pretty thirsty. Would you mind doing a round with the cocoa cart?

**BUDDY**

Yay! Cocoa cart! Cocoa cart!

*BUDDY leaves. CHARLIE motions to TIARA to join him.*

**CHARLIE**

Hey, Tiara.

**TIARA**

Yeah, Charlie?

**CHARLIE**

I hate to do this to you but do you think you could pick up the slack with those Etch-A-Sketches?

*BUDDY returns immediately with the cocoa cart. He listens, unnoticed by CHARLIE and TIARA.*

**TIARA**

No problem.

**CHARLIE**

I appreciate it. Buddy's killing me.

**TIARA**

Hey, that was quick thinking with that 'special talents' thing.